



College Goal Sunday Frequently Asked Questions

What is College Goal Sunday?

College Goal Sunday (CGS) is a national program that provides free information and assistance to students and families applying for college financial aid. CGS mobilizes financial aid professionals, primarily from state colleges and universities, to help college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is required for any student seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, at all schools in the nation.

When and where is College Goal Sunday being held?

College Goal Sunday will be implemented in South Carolina in Spring 2007 in communities along the I-95 corridor.

Charleston Area	Saturday, February 3, 2007	10am to 2pm	Trident Technical College (Main Campus)
Orangeburg Area	Saturday, February 10, 2007	10am to 2pm	Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Sumter Area	Saturday, February 10, 2007	10am to 2pm	Central Carolina Technical College *Locations in Sumter, Clarendon County, Lee County, Kershaw, and Williamsburg
Florence Area College	Saturday, February 17, 2007	10am to 2pm	Florence-Darlington Technical
Low Country	TBA	TBA	TBA

Who can participate?

CGS is open to all college-bound students and their families but particularly targets low-income students who need financial aid to attend college and who need help applying for that aid.

What should I bring to College Goal Sunday?

Students and their parents should bring the following

- Completed 2006 IRS 1040 tax returns
- W-2 statements
- Other 2006 income and benefits information
- PIN Number obtained from www.fafsa.ed.gov

Do students need to register?

In order to provide the best possible service to students now and in the future, we ask that students register online at www.scgearup.org after January 1, 2007.

What if I can't attend College Goal Sunday?

If you can't attend CGS, tune in to SC Educational Television for the program entitled, "Finding Money for College" to be aired in January 2007 or contact the financial aid office at a local college. They will be glad to help you.

Why is College Goal Sunday important?

CGS provides assistance in applying for financial aid to families who need it. By delivering help to families in their own communities, CGS helps ensure that students get the help they need crossing the barrier to qualify for financial aid.

What if I am not sure if I am going to college directly after high school?

Many students are not sure if they will be attending college right after high school. Filling out the FAFSA does not obligate you to attend. However, completing the FAFSA will ensure deadlines are not missed if the student decides to apply to college later in the year.

Who sponsors College Goal Sunday?

In South Carolina, College Goal Sunday is a cooperative, charitable effort of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. It is funded by the Lumina Foundation for Education, a private foundation with a particular interest in higher education.

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